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January 5, 2006

County Attorney George Corn 205 Bedford Street Hamilton, MT. 59840

Dear George;

By sending this response to your letter of December 29, 2006, we recognize that a conflict may exist given that you provided the legal counsel to the Ravalli County Local Government Study Commission. However, we would like the Ravalli County Attorney's Office to provide expeditious legal representation to Ravalli County in the Judicial Review Petition (Cause Number: DV 06577).

Recognizing the time sensitive nature of the questions raised by citizens of Ravalli County, we request all due haste be employed to respond to this petition and resolve the issue prior to January 18, 2007.

As the County's governing board, the Board of County Commissioners expects to participate in developing a legal strategy and be included in all decision before they are made. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF RAYALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Greg Chilcott, Chairman

Alan Thompson, Membel

Howard Lyons, Member